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NO. 1 SOMERSET STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

PETITION! PETITION! PETITION!

It is the right and duty of a free people to make known their will to those chosen to represent them. Send for the petition printed in the opposite column and give your time to circulating it and you will never be sorry. The time to make sure of Peace is when there is no war. Let the terrible calamity that threatens Europe, the recent bloody experience in Chili, and the blind enthusiasm of the war party the world over, arouse us to immediate and concentrated action. Let us provide for Peace!

NEW WAR SHIPS.

During the present year the following ships may be expected to be launched: Cruisers Nos. 9 and 10, building at the Columbian Iron Works, Baltimore, in October; battle ship Texas, building at Norfolk, in December; gunboats Nos. 5 and 6, building at Bath, Me., in October; armored cruiser New York, building at Cramp's, Philadelphia, in December; and cruisers Cincinnati and Raleigh, building at the Brooklyn and Norfolk Yards, respectively, some time during the fall.

England recently launched a new battle-ship named "Hood." She cost \$450,000. She is the largest battle-ship in the world. The length is 380 ft., breadth 75 ft., displacement 14,150 tons, horse-power 13,000, estimated to give a speed of $17\frac{1}{2}$ knots. She will be heavily armed with all the latest weapons of offence and means of defence, besides which she will carry numerous guns for field and boat service.

The Italian Government has decided to at once build three new ironclad battle-ships, each of which is to be of 12,800 tons displacement. Four new cruisers and twenty-five first-class torpedo boats are also to be laid down. The cost of these additions to the Italian Navy will be upwards of four millions sterling, which seems a most extravagant outlay, considering the miserably disorganized condition of the finances of the country.

PETITION TO CONGRESS.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in the United States Congress assembled:

"The undersigned, citizens of the United States, having a profound sense of the evil and inadequacy of war as a mode of settling international disputes, hereby pray your honorable body to take whatever action may be necessary to invite a conference of the Governments of the world to sit, during, and in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition, to be held in Chicago in 1893, for the purpose of devising, discussing and recommending measures by which the principle of arbitration may be incorporated into Treaties; conflicting international laws may be harmonized; and an International Court established, having jurisdiction in cases which Governments shall fail to settle by negotiation."

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The above petition has been sent to the Peace Departments of W. T. C. U. in twenty-three States, by Hand J. Bailey, Superintendent. It will also be sent by the American Peace Society to persons known to be friendly to its object, in each of the 332 Congressional Districts, accompanied by the following suggestions to those who obtain signatures.

1 SOMERSET ST., BOSTON, July 4, 1891.

Will the person who receives the enclosed *Petition* see that it is signed by as many citizens as possible in the bounds of his Congressional District and forwarded by mail on or before Dec. 1, 1891, to the member of the present Congress from the same District, plainly addressed to him by name and title, "Washington, D. C." The names of prominent persons of the same political party of the member, especially if placed at the head of the *Petition*, will do most good. After that Judges, Ministers, Doctors or any names of persons twenty-one years of age may be appended, with place of residence.

This cannot be done without some trouble, and possibly expenditure of time or money. But the subject is of such extreme importance just now to our country and the world that we venture to urge this request.

THE AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

ROWLAND B. HOWARD, Secretary.